
FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

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Finding: Requests for funding or approval of fuels treatment projects within the Tahoe Basin WUI should be given first priority by all funding sources, permitting agencies, and land managers in order to obtain maximum protection of the public's safety and property from catastrophic fire. For the purposes of this Finding, the term "WUI" means all wildland urban interface areas within the Tahoe Basin that are within any community in the Basin, areas that are within 1 ½ miles of any community in the Basin, and areas extending out from such communities.

Background and Supporting Evidence:

There are many fuel reduction projects to be performed within the Tahoe Basin, and virtually all areas of the Tahoe Basin are in need of such treatments. However, resources are scarce, and in some cases, the application of such resources must be prioritized. The permitting process relevant to such projects is cumbersome in many cases, and prone to delay. Accordingly, it is necessary to express a priority to those treatments that will most directly affect the protection of life and property.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that all permitting agencies within the Tahoe Basin, all funding sources available for fuel treatment projects within the Basin, and all land managers within the Tahoe Basin assign as

their respective first priority for action fuel treatment projects proposed to be conducted within the WUI. To the extent this may require regulatory procedures to be expedited, they should be to the maximum extent possible.

Impacts of Implementation: *(The implementation of any Recommendation is likely to have specific impacts. Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas):*

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is REQUIRED (Best Estimate):

- ☐ Cost / No additional costs are imposed by this determination of priority.
- ☐ Funding source / Not applicable
- ☐ Staffing / Not Applicable
- ☐ Existing regulations and/or laws / Not applicable
- ☐

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is OPTIONAL:

- ☐ Operational
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Policy
- ☐ Health and Safety
- ☐ Environmental
- ☐ Interagency